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Patent

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Examiner: R. Popovics

Art Unit: 1724

Docket #: P07239US00/RFH

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C.

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed on December 18, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

A complete listing of all claims is provided herewith in **Attachment B**. It will be noted that claims 7, 9-11, and 14 are currently amended, claims 1-6 and 8 are being canceled and claim 17 is newly added.

**REMARKS**

Considering the matters raised in the Office Action in the same order as raised, the renewed requirement for restriction is noted. In order to expedite the prosecution, claims 1-6 have been canceled. However, applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in a divisional application.

Claims 7, 12 and 13 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being "anticipated by Brown," claims 7-9 and 12-14 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being "anticipated by Beer" and claims 7-9, 12 and 13 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being "anticipated by Sandov et al." Finally, claim 11 has been rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being "unpatentable over either of Beer (4,260,496) or Sandov

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Attached is:

- ..... a response after Final Rejection dated
- ☒ a response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002.
- ..... a Preliminary Amendment
- ..... a Petition for an extension of time
- ☒ Other: Attachment A (claims listing)

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- ☒ In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and that a separate petition is not submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee is authorized above.

Respectfully submitted,



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